V.35
#33
V.S.
Hum-

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSN 0041-7904

Received
Serials Department
AUG 19 1976
Miami University
Libraries

Vol. 35, No. 33 August 13, 1976

LC WISHES ALA A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Over 70 members of the Library of Congress staff helped the American Library Association celebrate its birthday last month. A sign in the LC exhibit booth at the Chicago meeting expressed the sentiment "The Library of Congress wishes a happy 100th birthday to the American Library Association," and never in that 100 years had the Library and its staff taken such an active role in ALA proceedings.

Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin addressed a meeting of the Public Library Association and gave a talk in ALA's "Libraries and the Life of the Mind" series. Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh explained the role of the Library of Congress as the national bibliographic center. Henriette Avram described the national role the Library is assuming in planning and coordinating network development. Register of Copyrights Barbara Ringer brought librarians up-to-date on copyright matters. Mr. and Mrs. Boorstin were hosts at a reception for visiting librarians. And other staff members gave papers, chaired meetings, and communicated information about developments at the Library of Congress.

Especially active and useful was the suite where the Task Force had its headquarters. The Library and the American library community are developing closer ties this year. With help from librarians, scholars, and citizens all over the country, the Library is engaged in a comprehensive review of its goals, organization, and planning, a major purpose of which is to see how well the Library is serving the nation's libraries and to recommend ways for improving those services. A 12-member advisory group on libraries, chaired by ALA Executive Director Robert Wedgeworth, is assisting in this reassessment and preparing recommendations for the Librarian. All ALA conferees were invited to the Task Force suite, open all day for four days, by means of posters distributed throughout the meeting areas asking "What can the Library of Congress do for you?" and the response was gratifying.

Such activity was a far cry from the first and founding conference of ALA in October 1876. The Library of Congress sent a single representative, Ainsworth Rand Spofford, Librarian of Congress, who spent one day at the meeting and gave a talk about copyright, its importance to librarians.

In 1896 ALA for the first time offered its advice to Congress about the administration and role of the Library of Congress. At a hearing held by the Joint Library Committee concerning the "condition" of the Library before its move into its new building, members listened with interest to the ALA spokesmen, especially Melvil Dewey, director of the New York State Library, and Herbert Putnam, librarian of the Boston Public Library. Both men urged a more active national role for the Library of Congress. Three years later President William McKinley nominated Herbert Putnam, then serving as ALA president, to be Librarian of Congress.

CONTENTS

APIF Data Base Created 464-465
False Insurance Claims Reported 465-466
LC Wishes ALA a Happy 100th Birthday 463-464
Library of Congress Publications 469
MARC Retriever Now Available 466-467
News in the Library World 469-470
Staff News 467-469
Travel Shots Offered 465
Appendix I—Librarian's Task Force Report . . . 471-473
Appendix II—Reports on the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association 474-478

Putnam took office in April 1899. The Library of Congress and the ALA began a close working relationship shortly thereafter. During the first decade of his 40-year tenure, Putnam introduced new, cooperative national services that established the Library of Congress as the leader among American libraries. Included were many innovations that he and Melvil Dewey had advocated in the 1896 hearings, such as centralized cataloging, interlibrary loan, and a national union catalog. Another cooperative venture, the development of a cataloging code, was inaugurated during the same period.

Herbert Putnam was the first ALA president to be nominated as Librarian of Congress; L. Quincy Mumford, librarian of the Cleveland Public Library, was the second. Nominated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in April 1954, Mumford took office in September of that year. The Library's acquisitions and cataloging programs were greatly expanded during the 20-year Mumford administration, becoming truly national in their scope. Other important projects accomplished in cooperation with the ALA and other library organizations included the establishment of the Decimal Classification Office in 1954, the publication, beginning in 1968, of the massive *National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints,* and the launching of the Cataloging-in-Publication (CIP) program in 1971.

ALA's participation in the Task Force review indicates the profession's willingness to accept The Librarian's invitation to establish even closer ties during his administration. The Library of Congress expects that its year-long review will strengthen the relationship between LC and ALA as the two begin their second century of cooperation.

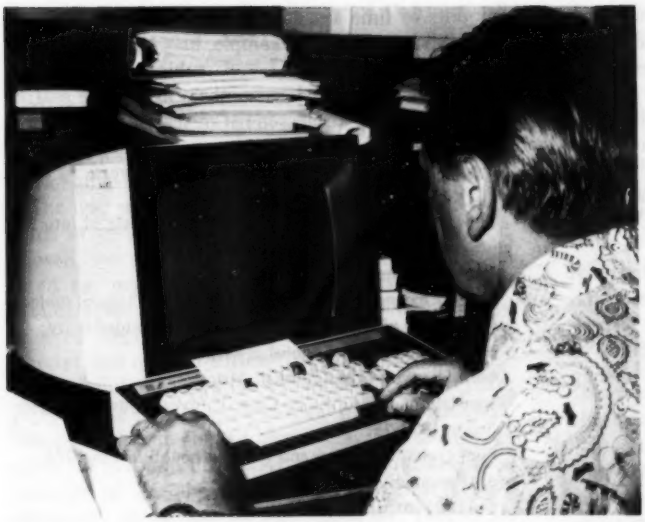
[**Editor's Note:** A report covering Task Force activity during the period July 1-26, including the visit of the advisory group on libraries mentioned above, and reports from Library of Congress staff members on meetings held at the ALA Annual Conference, are included as Appendixes I and II to this issue of the LC *Information Bulletin.*]

APIF DATA BASE CREATED

The Descriptive Cataloging Division and the MARC Development Office cosponsored a ceremony on July 26 in the Preliminary Cataloging Section to mark the input of the first preliminary cataloging record on-line to the Automated Process Information File (APIF) data base. The guests, including Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh and Henriette D. Avram, special assistant for network development, were welcomed by William R. Huntley, acting chief of the Descriptive Cataloging Division. Also present were other Processing Department officers.

Mr. Huntley opened the ceremony by recounting the many months of development leading up to the APIF on-line system. He expressed the hope that the long wait would result in a product that will be well worth the wait. Mr. Welsh spoke briefly about the importance of this event, not only for preliminary catalogers but for the entire library world, and described the long-range goals of automation.

Mr. Welsh, Mrs. Avram, and representatives from the Processing Department Office witnessed the actual input of the first APIF record. Other onlookers included employees of the MARC Development Office, the Descriptive Cataloging Division (including staff of the Preliminary Cataloging Section), and the Cataloging Instruction Office, which played a major role training the preliminary catalogers in use of the APIF system.



Mr. Andreeff keys the first record as Mrs. Avram and Processing Department Director Joseph H. Howard look on.

The preliminary cataloging record was keyed on the cathode ray tube terminal by Victor Andreeff, preliminary cataloger. Mrs. Avram, who originated the concept of the APIF, and Mr. Welsh, who has enthusiastically supported its development, together pressed the "enter" key. Following the ceremony, coffee and refreshments were served in the Processing Department Office.

The ceremony marked the beginning of the first phase of the APIF. This first phase includes the input of English-language books with preassigned card numbers, the on-line printing of cataloging forms and preliminary cards, and the update of the APIF record at subsequent points in the processing cycle.

The APIF system has been developed as one of the applications of the Multiple Use MARC System (MUMS) by the joint efforts of MUMS system staff and APIF application staff within the MARC Development Office, in cooperation with operational staff from the various Processing Department units. [Accounts of the APIF data base appeared in the July 9 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin* on pp. 378-9 and pp. 399-400.]

APIF records will be made available later as a separate MARC Distribution Service. Their availability will be announced in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin.* The format, *In Process Records: A MARC Format,* is available from the Superintendent of Documents for 85 cents.

TRAVEL SHOTS OFFERED

Library of Congress staff members who are planning official foreign travel are reminded that the Health Services Office can provide immunization shots. Official travel refers to travel undertaken on duty status at the expense of the Library.

Medical Officer Dr. Hamilton Webb said that it may take three weeks or more to protect the traveler properly. Since no one wants to be sick from a possible reaction to immunization immediately before traveling, staff members should start the immunization series as soon as travel plans are made.

The series may be started by taking a yellow Public Health Service International Certificate of Immunization, Form 731, to the Health Room, Thomas Jefferson Building 1017, ext. 5616. No information can be provided over the phone or without this form.

Additional travel preparation and advice for personal travel also can be provided, in person, at the Health Services Office, but not immunization shots.

FALSE INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORTED

In recent months, the Personnel Office has received reports from employees that life insurance benefits represented to be supplemental to Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) were being

marketed to Federal employees, both at home and at work, in a misleading manner which suggested (1) that the Civil Service Commission had endorsed such efforts and (2) that the reduction in the amount of FEGLI coverage (by two percent a month until the amount in force reaches 25 percent of the amount in force before the first reduction) after age 65 or after retirement, whichever occurs later, is unwarranted and makes insurance supplemental to FEGLI necessary.

This is to advise the members of the Library of Congress staff that the Civil Service Commission has not endorsed and has no connection with, or responsibility for, any life insurance program represented to be supplemental to the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program.

MARC RETRIEVER NOW AVAILABLE

A search service of the Library of Congress MARC data base is now available from the Cataloging Distribution Service on a fee basis to any requester. This offering of the search service is made on an experimental basis as computer time is available. During the experimental period, the volume of requests, availability of computer time, and adequacy of the pricing structure will be assessed.

The MARC data base, which is being used more and more frequently as a bibliographic source supplementing the card catalogs, contains bibliographic records of English language books cataloged by the Library of Congress since 1968. Roman alphabet language books cataloged by the Library have been phased in gradually since 1972. This phase-in is now nearly complete.

The MARC data base offers the Library new ways to utilize its bibliographic resources, one of which is the use of the information retrieval program, the MARC Retriever. The retriever can produce bibliographic listings by accessing any data found on the catalog card, plus many additional elements which have been specifically coded in the machine record, such as bibliographies, translations, language of text, and directories. [Information on such coding may be found in *Books: A MARC Format*, fifth ed., 1972, which is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $1.] Although some searches are more economically done using card or book catalogs, for example, books by or about Theodore Roosevelt or books on skin diving, for more complex bibliographic needs, computer searching and printing can save enormous amounts of time and energy. The compilation of subject bibliographies, for example, may be greatly facilitated by combining several subject headings or Library of Congress class numbers in a single search. The following is a selected list of search requests processed by the Library of Congress. They illustrate the range of capabilities of the MARC Retriever:

children's books, originally in Danish, translated into English and published in the United States;
books in translation published after 1969;
records having a period subdividion in any topical subject;
appearance of word "early" in any subject added entry;
books published by [publisher's name];
books containing statistics on Africa;
translations of books in Class P (except juvenalia) published in 1974-75;
books relating to films and television published in 1974;
discographies;
pre-1901 maps.

In addition to a monographic data base containing approximately 650,000 records, the Library also maintains smaller, separate data bases in the MARC format for serials, maps, films, children's books, and the Main Reading Room and Science and Technology Reading Room reference collections, which also can be searched using the MARC Retriever.

Searching

Searching may be done on a one-time basis or on a monthly update basis. The latter is called a Current Awareness search. At present a number of such regular monthly searches are being made—for example, conference publications, reference works (such as bibliographies), Ibero-American studies, motion picture publications, maps on Africa, and so on.

Requesters may wish to help compose the search themselves. This would be particularly valuable in subject searches. For example, with reference to the current edition of the *Library of Congress Subject Headings* or *Subject Headings in Microform*, a search of books on education may be made by searching for Education, Education, Compulsory, Education, Primary, Religious education, Vocational education, Federal aid to education, and many others. All the headings listed above may be retrieved by searching for the single word "education." Thus many queries are replaced by one. A search for books on dogs may be made by searching not only the subject "dogs" but also under the name of each breed. This would mean numerous queries. Much the same effect could be

obtained by searching for Library of Congress call numbers in the range "SF420-SF439."

Sorting and Printing

The retrieved records may be sorted in a number of ways, such as main entry, title, call number, and subject or added entries.

The user may specify that the output be on 3 by 5 cards or continuous fan-fold listings. If the latter is chosen, the user may specify one, two, or three columns per page. The output may consist of the full bibliographic record or a short record containing only selected fields, such as author-title, author-title-imprint, call number-author-title subject headings.

The printed output is produced on a computer printer. The printer has a number of print trains containing different graphic characters. The most complete set is found on the ALA print train. This train includes all the characters needed to print the 175 characters in the Library's character set. This set includes upper and lowercase alphabetic characters, numbers, punctuation, special characters, and diacritics.

Request Procedure

A search against the MARC data base may be initiated by writing to the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541. These inquiries should state the search request in words. Two or three sentences are all that is required. If appropriate, the terms to use in the search should be supplied. Requesters should specify the section of the record (for example, corporate author, title, imprint, geographic subject heading, fixed field indicator) or MARC tag (for example, 100, 245, 651) containing the data of interest. Where possible, an estimate of the number of records expected to be selected should be supplied. It would be helpful to know if certain records may be **excluded**, such as all books having a publication date earlier than a given year, or limited to non-English languages, or not about the United States.

Inquiries should state the sort order of the records (if the records are not sorted, they will appear in card number order). The desired form of printed output should also be included. The printed record may be full, that is, resembling a catalog card, or abbreviated, containing any variable field, subfield, or fixed field specified by the requester, who should also note whether the retrieved records are desired on magnetic tape (in the communications format), and who should briefly summarize his capability for processing MARC records.

Cost

The standard fee established for each search is $20 plus an additional charge for each record retrieved. If the retrieved records are printed, the per record charge is eight cents. If the retrieved records are sent to the requester on magnetic tape, the cost is seven cents per record. (Records may be provided in magnetic tape in the communications format to any requester having the capability to process MARC data.)

Submission or Requests

The Cataloging Distribution Service will analyze all search service queries and inform requesters whether the query can be processed for the standard fee of $20 plus seven or eight cents per record retrieved. The nature of search requests determines in part the time needed to analyze and process them. For unusually time-consuming computer runs, it may be necessary to increase the standard $20 fee, in which case requesters will be notified before the query is processed.

The cost of MARC Retriever searches may be charged to subscriber accounts maintained for cards and publications sold by the Cataloging Distribution Service. All letters of request should specify the account number to be charged.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENT

Emma S. Nix, an assistant editor of catalog publications in the Catalog Publication Division, was honored at a July 15 retirement luncheon attended by more than 90 Library staff members. Several members of Mrs. Nix's family, including her husband, Roscoe, her younger daughter, Susan, her mother, one of her sisters, and one of her brothers, attended. Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh, Robert R. Holmes, assistant director for processing services in the Processing Department, and Gloria H. Hsia, chief of the Catalog Publication Division, all extended their best wishes for a happy retirement to Mrs. Nix, who thanked those present for honoring her.

Mrs. Nix holds a B.A. from Tuskegee Institute. Before coming to the Library in 1956, she worked for the U.S. Bureau of Engraving, the Veterans Administration, and the Marine Corps.

In 1964, Mrs. Nix transferred from an editorial

position in the Copyright Office to become supervisor of the Editorial Composing Unit in the Union Catalog Division. She joined the Catalog Publication Division in 1965 as an assistant editor of Library of Congress catalogs and was promoted in 1968 to the position from which she retired.

AWARDS

Richard G. Pinning, cost accountant in the Cataloging Distribution Service, was presented a 25-year Federal Service Award pin by Joseph H. Howard, director, Processing Department, on June 30. All of Mr. Pinning's Federal service has been with the Library of Congress.

Mr. Pinning began his career at the Library as a messenger in the Copyright Office. He was subsequently promoted to mail clerk and registration numbering clerk. In March 1974, Mr. Pinning was promoted to cost accounting technician in the Fiscal Section of the Cataloging Distribution Service and later to cost accountant in the same section, the position he currently holds.

Barbara Maddox, administrative assistant in the Descriptive Cataloging Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin by William R. Huntley, acting chief, on July 21. All of Mrs. Maddox's Federal service has been with the Library of Congress.

After graduating from Anacostia High School in July 1955, Mrs. Maddox began her career in the former Reference Department as a clerk-typist, and was promoted to collections coordinator in May 1957, photo researcher in February 1960, and collections specialist in May 1962. She attended Strayer Business College during this period.

Mrs. Maddox left the Library in 1970, was employed in private enterprise, and returned to the Photoduplication Service in March 1971. In April 1972, she transferred to the Descriptive Cataloging Division as supervisor of the Cataloging Services Unit and was promoted to administrative secretary and staff assistant in July 1972. She received an outstanding rating and a quality increase in 1974. Mrs. Maddox was promoted to her present position in February.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Alice L. Kniskern has been named assistant field director (special operations) in the Library of Congress Office in New Delhi, India.

Miss Kniskern is no stranger to the Special Foreign Currency Program of the Library of Congress. In addition to working with South Asia publications at the University of Chicago where she served as assistant librarian, South Asia reference, and at Duke University as assistant South Asia bibliographer, Miss Kniskern served as a consultant to the New Delhi Office during the period between December 1975 and last February.

Born in Appleton, Wis., she received the B.A. degree in 1961 from Albion College. In 1962, Miss Kniskern received a Commonwealth Fellowship to study Indian History, and from 1963 to 1967, she studied library science at the University of North Carolina. In January 1975, she received a grant from the American Institute for Indian Studies for five weeks travel in India. Her mother, Natalie J. Kniskern, will accompany her to India.

Appointments: Larry Farkas, cataloger, GS-9, Share Cat, 1845; Janice Haines, reference files assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 1963; Sally McCallum, cataloger, GS-9, Share Cat, NP; Patricia Posey, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 6-600; A. Ellen Terpstra, analyst, environmental policy, GS-9, CRS ENR, 1965; Patricia Williams, secretary to the Register of Copyrights, GS-9, Cop Reg, 1764; Mark Wolfe, education analyst, GS-7, CRS Ed, 1895.

Temporary Appointments: Laura Byrd, research information support paraprofessional, GS-4, CRS C, 1977; Hannah Lieberman, manuscript librarian, GS-7, Mss, 1730.

Temporary Promotion: Fassil Aradoum, Desc Cat, to reference librarian and bibliographer, GS-9, GR&B, 1996.

Promotions: Lynne Baker, to clerical assistant, GT-3, Photodup, OP 3-100; Eric Barrow, to microphoto trainee, GT-3, Photodup, OP 5-100; Peter Henderson, to photoduplication assistant, GT-3, Photodup, OP 6-100; Christina Kinney, Cat Publ, to processing file control clerk, GS-5, Ser, 1984; Jay Rhine, to shift supervisor, GS-9, CDS, 1893; Verna Sharp, to section secretary, GS-6, Cop Exam, 2003.

Transfers: Phyllis Cambrel, Ser Rec, to editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS A, 1936; Jane Lindley, GR&B, to congressional research administrator, GS-11, CRS D, 2006; Edith Palmer, Subj Cat, to legal specialist, GS-11, LL Eur, 1987.

Resignations: Richard Battle, CS; Robert Bauer, CRS L; Lawrence Cunningham, G&M; Angela Dubose, Desc Cat; Alethea Gibbs, S&R, Annette Moore, S&R, Helen Reed, Share Cat; SuSun Rowe, S&R; Mary Wirsing, Adm.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Barbara and Ray Wood are the parents of a boy, Andrew Mark, born July 27. Mr. Wood is a cataloger in the English Language Section of Shared Cataloging Division. Mrs. Wood is a former Library employee,

who worked in the Cataloging Section of the Serial Record Division.

Correction: In the story on the recent Choral Society concert in the July 30 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin*, p. 435, the name of William Coleman was inadvertently omitted. Mr. Coleman was among the soloists who performed in the June 22 program.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Monographic Series. ISSN 0093-0571. January-March 1976. Vol. 1: A-L. (vi, 545 p.) Vol. 2: M-Z. (472 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, at a cost of $150 for three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation.

Subject Catalog. ISSN 0096-8803. January-March 1976. Vol. 1, A-E. (viii, 870 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at $850 for three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation.

Symbols of American Libraries. ISSN 0095-0874. 11th edition. 1976. (ix, 242 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $3 a copy. This is a dictionary of the abbreviations used to identify libraries in union catalogs, bibliographies, and other compilations which require the naming of institutions in a brief space. It may also serve as a basic reference tool for those dealing with reports of library holdings and for those who may be organizing new forms of library cooperation on regional or national levels.

Library of Congress Regulations: No. 2024-1 (July 1) reflected the current purpose, authority, and policy governing the Personnel Security Program of the Library; No. 2024-2 (July 1) updated page 1 in accordance with the Executive Order 11652 relating to security requirements for Government employees; No. 2024-7 (July 1), page 6 changed the name of the Deputy Personnel Security Officer to Assistant Personnel Security Officer; No. 816 (July 2) gave the current hours of public service in the Library; Nos. 1912-1, 1912-4 (page 1), and 2023-3 (page 5) (July 16) reflected the Library's current policies on handling official mail; No. 2010-8 (July 23) concerned the employment of relatives; No. 2015-16 (July 27) restated the Library's policy regarding the granting of court leave.

Special Announcements: No. 767 (July 1) gave the shuttle bus schedule between Taylor Street and Massachusetts Avenue Annexes; No. 768 (July 2) designated the current members of the Federal Women's Program Committee; No. 769 (July 7) announced the current membership of the Incentive Awards Committee; No. 770 (published as No. 769) concerned an errata notice for publication in the 1975 *Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress.*

Press Releases: No. 76-60 (June 16) American Folklife Center Board of Trustees Meets in Washington; No. 76-61 (June 16) Archie Green, Folklorist, Honored by Board of American Folklife Center; No. 76-62 (June 17) Library of Congress Traces Czech/Slovak Contributions in the U.S.; No. 76-63 (June 25) Library of Congress Names Alvin Kaufman Senior Specialist in Business and Economics; No. 76-64 (June 25) Presidents on the Presidency Opens July 1 at Library of Congress; No. 76-65 (June 25) Two Bicentennial Exhibits Open at Library of Congress; No. 76-66 (June 28) Library of Congress Will be Open to Visitors July 4 Weekend; No. 76-67 (June 28) Trew Named Executive Officer, Department of Reader Services, Library of Congress; No. 76-68 (June 28) Jack McDonald, Jr. Appointed Chief of Loan Division; No. 76-69 (June 30) Librarian of Congress Announces Beginning of First National-Circulation Newspaper in Braille; No. 76-70 (June 30) Serials Project at Library of Congress Now Fully Operational; No. 76-71 (July 8) Early Congressional Documents Published; No. 76-72 (July 23) Nationally Known Folklorist to Head Center in Library of Congress.

Correction: In the new edition of *Library of Congress Publications in Print, March 1976,* two entries are listed incorrectly. The entries should read:

24. THE AMERICAN Revolution in drawings and prints; a checklist of 1765-1790 graphics in the Library of Congress, compiled by Donald H. Cresswell with a foreword by Sinclair H. Hitchings. 1975. 455 p. [E209.U54 1974] Card 73-17405. SuDocs (S/N 3001-0050) $14.35.

405. VIEWPOINTS; a selection from the pictorial collections of the Library of Congress. 1975. 223 p. [E178.5.U54 1974] Card 73-18317. SuDocs (LC 25.2:V67) (S/N 3014-00001) $7.75.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

GRANT

The **National Commission on Libraries and Information Science** (NCLIS) has awarded a grant of $49,795 to the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences to conduct a management institute on State Library Agencies and the National Plan. The first of the two planned training sessions will be held in December. Director of the institute will be Brooke Sheldon.

COMING EVENTS

The Fifth Annual Conference of the **Art Libraries Society of North America** (ARLIS/NA) will be held in Los Angeles, Calif., on January 28 through February 2, 1977. More information is available from Judith A. Hoffberg, Executive Secretary, ARLIS/NA, P.O. Box 3692, Glendale, Calif. 91201.

A Government Micrographics Symposium and exhibition will be held on November 22-23 at the University of Maryland under the cosponsorship of the ADP Management Training Center of the U.S. Civil Service Commission and the Federal Government Micrographics Council. The symposium, designed to bring users or potential users of microforms and manufacturers and distributors of micrographic equipment together, will be open to employees of Federal, state, and local governments. More information may be obtained by writing to the ADP Management Training Center, U.S. Civil Service Commission, ATTN: TOA, Room TC 815, 1900 E St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20415.

The **Association of Research Libraries Office** of University Library Management Studies has announced plans for a third Library Management Skills Institute, to be cosponsored by Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., and held at the university on September 21-24. The enrollment fee is $175 and attendance will be limited to 42 persons. Additional information in available from Duane Webster or Jeffrey Gardner at the Association of Research Libraries, Office of University Library Management Studies, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, tel. (202) 232-8656.

A day-long symposium honoring Melvin J. Voigt upon his retirement as university librarian at the University of California, San Diego, will be held on the San Diego campus on Friday, September 17, on the topic of The Responsibility of the University Library Collection in Meeting the Needs of Its Campus and Local Community. It will be sponsored jointly by the university and The Friends of the UCSD Library. Pre-registration for the Voigt symposium is $5 (including lunch); registration at the door is $7.50. Reservations should be made by September 9, and checks should be made payable to "Friends of the UCSD Library." Reservations or inquiries should be sent to Alvina Robertson, C-075, Central University Library, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, Calif. 92093.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has issued a 44-page booklet entitled *Library Resources Relating to Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C.*, selected from the eighth edition of *Library and Reference Facilities in the Area of the District of Columbia* and from suggestions from the staff of the National Trust Library, and compiled by Susan Weinberg. It was published by The Preservation Press, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 740-748 Jackson Pl., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

METRO (New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency) has published the 150-page *METRO CAP Catalog*, a new guide to 1,800 infrequently held, expensive research titles purchased cooperatively by the New York metropolitan area libraries since 1972. METRO produced the catalog through the computerized data bank of the New York Public Library. It may be purchased for $25 if payment accompanies the order ($30 if an invoice is required) from METRO, 11 W. 40th St., New York, N.Y. 10018.

Volume II (A Research Report) of *Statistical Indicators of Scientific and Technical Communication (1960-1980)*, prepared for the National Science Foundation by King Research, Inc., is available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). Requests to NTIS should refer to PB 254060; the cost of the document is $12.75 (paper copy) or $2.25 (microfiche).

Corrections: In the Semiannual Report attached to the *Information Bulletin* for July 9, the following errors have been noted. On p. 392, under the heading "LC Classification," the entry should note that this title is available from the Library's Cataloging Distribution Service. On p. 394, under the section entitled "CARD CATALOGS," the heading should read Africa, South/South Africa.

In the Special Libraries Association report appearing as an appendix to the July 23 issue of the *Bulletin* (p. 427), the name of the section of Denver described as the area where Denver began should read Auraria, not Aurora.

APPENDIX I

THE LIBRARIAN'S TASK FORCE ON GOALS, ORGANIZATION, AND PLANNING
A Report Covering the Period July 1-26, 1976
by John Y. Cole

In July the Task Force began a series of meetings with Library of Congress department directors and other top administrators. The purpose of these sessions is to provide Task Force members with current information about the Library's operations and to bring Library officials up to date regarding the Task Force and its review. The Task Force also is seeking suggestions from the administrators.

On July 1, a meeting was held with Norman Beckman, acting director of the Congressional Research Service (CRS), and Charles A. Goodrum, chief, Office of Assignment and Reference Coordination. Members of the Task Force subcommittee on services to Congress also attended this briefing. The principal topics of discussion were improving Library-wide services to Congress, relations between CRS and the other departments, and the legislative and national functions of the Library of Congress—including its place in the legislative branch of government. The latter topic also was discussed at length on July 8 when the Task Force met with Barbara Ringer, Register of Copyrights. The Register and Task Force members also discussed the copyright revision bill and its implications for the Library, special problems caused by the physical separation of the Copyright Office from other departments, and ways through which communications within the Library might be improved.

On July 8, the Task Force chairman met with staff members of the House Commission on Information and Facilities of the Joint Committee on Government Operations. The next day, the Task Force, along with members of its subcommittee on services to libraries, met with James P. Riley, executive director of the Federal Library Committee (FLC) and chairman, U.S. National Libraries Task Force. The principal topics discussed were the relationship between the FLC and the Library of Congress, cooperative arrangements between the three national libraries, and the FLC experiment in the use of an on-line cataloging system.

Eight outside advisory panels have been established to contribute ideas and suggest ways of improving the Library's services. The groups represent the following constituencies: the media, libraries, the humanities, publishers, law, science and technology, the arts, and the social sciences. Each advisory group will submit its recommendations to The Librarian by the end of the year.

The advisory group on libraries held its first session

Advisory group members and Library staff meeting together are (left to right) Ethel Crockett, Librarian Daniel J. Boorstin, Task Force Chairman John Cole, Orientalia Division Chief Warren G. Tsuneishi, Robert Wedgeworth, and Harry T. Hookway.

Charles G. LaHood, chief of the Library's Photoduplication Service, shows newspapers collected for preservation microfilming to (left to right) Harry T. Hookway, Ethel S. Crockett, Warren J. Haas, and Nils Y. Wessell.

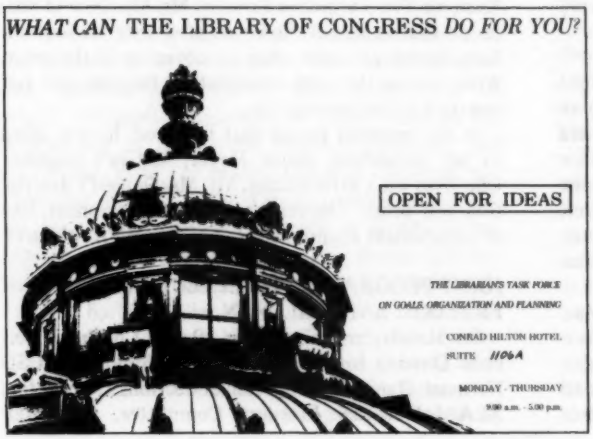
on July 6-7. The meeting, primarily an orientation to the Library and its activities, included discussions with the Librarian and briefings about loan services, the Processing Department and its services, and network development It also included tours of the preservation and restoration laboratories, the Photoduplication Service, and the Congressional Research Service. Present at the meeting were Robert Wedgeworth, executive director, American Library Association, chairman; Dorothy Blake, coordinator of planning for media resources and utilization, Atlanta Public Schools; Lillian M. Bradshaw, director, Dallas Public Library; Ethel S. Crockett, state librarian, California State Library; Louise Giles, dean of learning resources, Macomb County Community College, Warren, Mich.; Warren J. Haas, vice president for information services and university librarian, Columbia University; Doralyn J. Hickey, director of library science, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee; Harry T. Hookway, deputy chairman and chief executive, The British Library; Frederick Kilgour, executive director, Ohio College Library Center; F. William Summers, dean, College of Librarianship, University of South Carolina; Miriam H. Tees, librarian, The Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal; and Nils Y. Wessell, president, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

The humanities advisory group met at the Library on July 14-15. Included in its orientation were discussions with the Librarian and tours of the Library of

Brenda Wessner, Congressional Research Service, demonstrates the use of one of the Library's CRT terminals for Frederick Kilgour of the advisory group as John Cole looks on.

John Cole escorts members of the humanities advisory group through the Library of Congress Building—(left to right) Mr. Cole, J. Glenn Gray, Morton Bloomfield, Assistant Librarian for Public Education James Parton, and Donald W. Treadgold.

Congress Building (emphasizing its architecture and decoration), several reading rooms, and the Processing Department. The group also received briefings about the activities of the Research Department, the Library's publications, literary, and musical programs, and its international role. Present at the meeting were Jaroslav Pelikan, dean, Yale University Graduate School, chairman; Morton Bloomfield, Department of English and American Literature and Language, Harvard University; Joel Colton, The Rockefeller Foundation; J. William Fulbright, legal counsel to the firm of Hogan and Hartson; J. Glenn Gray, Department of Philosophy, Colorado College; Neil Harris, director, National Humanities Institute; Sherman E. Lee, director, Cleveland Museum of Art; and Donald W. Treadgold, Department of History, University of Washington.


WHAT CAN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DO FOR YOU?
OPEN FOR IDEAS
THE LIBRARIAN'S TASK FORCE
ON GOALS, ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING
CONRAD HILTON HOTEL
SUITE 1106A
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Task Force representatives solicited ideas from librarians at the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association, held July 18-26 in Chicago, Ill. The poster at left was displayed in Chicago.

Photographs in this appendix were taken by Christopher Wright of the Task Force Office.

APPENDIX II

REPORTS ON THE CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Chicago, Ill., July 18-24, 1976

LAD BES PRECONFERENCE

The segment of the Library Administration Division Building, Equipment, and Supplies Preconference devoted to the effect of technological developments on space utilization was chaired by Charles W. Robinson, director of the Baltimore County Public Library, Towson, Md. Five speakers addressed the meeting, and a general discussion and question-and-answer period followed. Richard Stroum, director of operations of CLSI, spoke of the requirements of automated charging systems. Peter Adler, marketing representative of Autographics, Inc., spoke of the requirements for microfilm catalogs and cathode ray tube access to computer data bases. W. B. (Bud) Semco, of SEMCO, SWEET, and MAYERS, Inc., Consulting Industrial Engineers, discussed the use of materials handling devices in library operations. Peter Stern, president of CHECKPOINT, Inc., described the space and technical requirements for book security systems. Bruce Bajema, director, Marin County (Calif.) Library, provided the librarian's viewpoint as to the new technology and its requirements.

It was made clear that the librarian, in enlisting the aid of the new technologies, must not only develop a broader awareness of what is available and what the implications and requirements may be, but also look to a considerable range of specialists in order to assure useful installations with the minimum of problems. [*Edmond L. Applebaum*]

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES LUNCHEON

Friends, librarians, and trustees skillfully dodged waiters carrying tureens of steaming onion soup to find seats at the Friends of Libraries Luncheon held on Monday, July 19, during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association. They had come to hear John D. MacDonald talk about Travis McGee, the big private detective who lives on a houseboat, the *Busted Flush*, Slip F-18, Bahia Mar, Ft. Lauderdale.

It is important, in creating a character, Mr. MacDonald said, to produce one with whom the author can live. His first McGee was too heavy, too ponderous, for the author to be confortable with; the second was full of puns and quips, which also become wearisome; the third McGee was the character as he is today—"the big, loose-jointed modern knight-errant, beach-walker, gin-drinker, and master of wise-cracks." Even so, his creator finds that he cannot make McGee do certain things; McGee cannot get rid of women, for example, as his followers know. He was originally christened Dallas McGee, but because the assassination of President Kennedy took place about the time that McGee was taking shape, Mr. MacDonald cast about for another name. His neighbor Mackinlay Kantor suggested naming the hero after an air base and Travis McGee emerged, ready to star in 16 of Mr. MacDonald's 60-plus books. Another McGee story is now half finished.

Words are essential to thought, Mr. MacDonald pointed out, and an author must, by his choice of words, force his readers to create the image he intended. Mr. MacDonald delights in inserting little sermons of his own, commentaries on current problems or mores. To prevent his readers from skipping these sermons he usually causes his hero to think of them when he is in some precarious situtation, for instance, hanging by his fingertips from a window sill several floors from the ground. As McGee followers know, the titles of the books in which he appears always include a color—*The Deep Blue Goodbye, Nightmare in Pink, A Purple Place for Dying, The Quick Red Fox, A Deadly Shade of Gold, The Long Lavender Look, The Scarlet Ruse,* or *The Turquoise Lament.* Mr. MacDonald confessed that he names the books after they are written, first choosing a color, then an object to fit the color. When he has the right combination, he goes back and inserts it in the manuscript.

In the question period that followed, he was asked to say something about Meyer, McGee's neighbor who lives on a little cruiser. Mr. MacDonald's description was brief: "Meyer is a part-time economist, like all government economists." [*Sarah L. Wallace*]

JOINT PROGRAM ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND CHILDREN

On Monday morning, July 19, the Children's Services Division Intellectual Freedom Committee, CSD National Planning of Special Collections Committee, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Intel-

lectual Freedom Round Table sponsored a joint meeting on the subject of Intellectual Freedom and Children: 1876-1976. Peggy Sullivan, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, and CSD vice president and president-elect, introduced the two speakers: Margaret N. Coughlan, reference librarian and bibliographer in the Children's Book Section, Library of Congress, and Mary Cable, author of *The Little Darlings: A History of Child Rearing in America* (Charles Scribner's Sons).

Miss Coughlan discussed the role of "guardians of the young," their changing attitudes toward the right of the child to have free access to ideas and information, and changes in the content of children's books reflecting these views.

Mrs. Cable, a social historian, journalist, and editor, opened by recounting humorous experiences from childhood reading and society's views of the treatment of sex, violence, stereotyping, and ethnotyping in children's books during the past century.

[*Virginia Haviland*]

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION

Spencer Shaw, president of the division, presided over a July 19 meeting devoted to Services to Children: Issues and Options in a time of financial crisis. Harold R. Jenkins, Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library, the first speaker, questioned whether children's work is to be "to or for" children, and urged that children's librarians acquire effective management skills, the better to serve in a "full-knowledge center" run by "user-oriented specialists." Mary Frances K. Johnson, Library Education/Instructional Media Program, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, pointing out the need for both school and public library work with children, emphasized the importance of cooperation between these agencies. Roderick C. Schwartz, Washington State Library, Olympia, focused on such sources of information as audiovisual media, computers, and microfiche. Effie Lee Morris, Children's Services, San Francisco (Calif.) Public Library, served as moderator for a reactor panel composed of Ursula Meyer, Library Services, Stockton (Calif.) Public Library; Barbara Prentice, trustee of the Tucson (Ariz.) Public Library; Barbara Miller, Children's Services, Louisville (Ky.) Public Library; Marion Capozzi, Library Services, Board of Education, Baltimore County, Md.; and Ervin Gaines, Cleveland (Ohio) Public Library.

[*Margaret N. Coughlan*]

CSD NEWBERY-CALDECOTT AWARDS DINNER

The Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel was the scene this year of an overflowing banquet attendance on Tuesday evening. Spencer Shaw, as CSD president, conducted the ceremonies, with Zena Sutherland, as chairman of the 1975-1976 Newbery-Caldecott Committee, presenting the Randolph Caldecott Medal for the illustrating of the most distinguished children's picture book published in 1975 and the John Newbery for the most distinguished contribution to American children's literature published in that same year. The medals are provided by Daniel Melcher, son of the late Frederic G. Melcher, original donor of the awards.

Mrs. Sutherland first announced the Caldecott Honor Books: Byrd Baylor's *The Desert Is Theirs,* Charles Scribner's Sons, with art by Peter Parnall for this text expressing the Papago Indians' love for their desert home, and *Strega Nona,* Prentice-Hall, an entertaining Italian folktale retold and illustrated by Tomie de Paola.

To Leo and Diane Dillon, each an art teacher in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Sutherland presented the Caldecott Medal for their joint illustration of Verna Aardema's retelling of the amusing West African folktale, *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears,* Dial Press. Their dialogue acceptance speech described their method of approaching a new work and readiness to try a new technique. They stated their belief that "the role of the illustrator is **not** simply to duplicate the text, but to enlarge on it, to restate the words in our own graphic terms."

Two honor books were announced for the Newbery Medal: *Hundred Penny Box,* Viking Press, a sensitively told story by Sharon Mathis, a Washington, D.C., junior high school librarian, who pictures the love between a little boy and his great-great aunt, and *Dragonwings,* Harper & Row, by a Chinese-American college teacher, Lawrence Yep, who has written here about Chinese immigrants in San Francisco of the early 1900's.

The Newbery Medal was presented to Susan Cooper of Lexington, Mass., for *The Grey King,* Atheneum Publishers, a Margaret K. McElderry Book. This is the next-to-last volume in a projected series of five books, each dealing with an aspect of the conflict between good and evil. Mrs. Cooper emphasized the importance of the continuity made by "librarians, teachers, storytellers, publishers . . . keeping a channel between the imagination of the writer and the development of the child." As an Englishman and former feature writer for *The Times* of London, who

has lived in the United States for the last 12 years, Mrs. Cooper concluded her speech on this year's ALA centennial with a ringing " . . . happy birthday ladies and gentlemen! Please keep up the good work for at least another hundred years."

As CSD's celebration of the centennial, previous division presidents were special banquet guests and were introduced from their tables just below the head table. [*Virginia Haviland*]

CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL ALA JOINT COMMITTEE

Art in Children's Books: Two Hundred Years and Beyond was the theme of a program at which both Susan D. Collier, Beechwood School Library, Mountainside, N.J., for ALA, and Suzanne M. Glazer, director of school and library services, Atheneum Publishers, for the Children's Book Council (CBC), presided. A combination of slides and commentary for "Art in Children's Books and Reproduction Techniques: A Retrospective Survey" was presented by Ava Weiss, art director, Greenwillow Books, William Morrow & Co., and Kenneth Marantz, Department of Art Education, Ohio State University.

A panel moderated by Harriet Quimby, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, St. John's University, discussed The State of the Art in Children's Books: 1976-2076. Its members were Jean Karl, editor, Children's Books, Atheneum Publishers; Ellen Raskin, children's book author and illustrator; and Walter Lorraine, manager, Children's Trade Books, Houghton Mifflin Co.

In the afternoon, Alan Fern, Department of Research, Library of Congress, gave a provocative slide presentation, "Art in Children's Books: A Critical Look." Book discussion and a question-and-answer period concluded the program.

[*Margaret N. Coughlan*]

RASD INTERLIBRARY LOAN COMMITTEE

The Interlibrary Loan Committee (ILL) of the Reference and Adult Services Division held business meetings on July 18 and 19, with Alice Wilcox, director of the Minnesota Interlibrary Teletype Exchange, Minneapolis (MINITEX) presiding. At the first business session, representatives of the Medical Library Association and the Special Libraries Association were among those who reported, and each referred to networks and the growing awareness of the need for improved communication between networks and between operational interlibrary loan librarians and technical personnel. The thorny problem of library photocopying and copyright was raised, and the chairman distributed for review and comment by ILL members copies of guidelines on library photocopying suggested by the National Commission on the New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works (CONTU).

Suzanne Franke, assistant executive director of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), reported that the association was just about to distribute a survey on the subject of fees for loans. Virginia Boucher of the University of Colorado Libraries, Boulder, reported on the RASD-sponsored preconference on Teaching Design: Interlibrary Loan Basics that she conducted July 16-17 at Rosary College, River Forest, Ill. This reporter referred to some Library of Congress matters of interest to ILL personnel and called attention to detailed information appearing in the Semiannual Report on Developments at the Library of Congress in the LC *Information Bulletin* of July 9 on pp. 382-410.

Comments on CONTU's guidelines on photocopying expressed at the second session indicated concern about their complexity and the burden of record keeping. The chairman, a member of CONTU, asked that committee members who had additional comments forward them to their appropriate library association representative. Because of the rapid growth of networks crossing various boundaries and the belief that ILL should make a contribution on developing protocols to govern relations between different types of libraries, the chairman had asked several committee members at the January meeting to work on drafting ILL protocols covering relations between local, state, regional, and subject networks. In discussing the drafts, it was noted that in two cases there was an assumption that initially there need not be a formal hierarchical relationship between the libraries. Participants expressed concern about researchers who, though not necessarily in rural areas, may be isolated because they do not have access to materials through institutional relationships. Requirements for access have increased and emphasis should not be placed on developing local resources but on building networks and seeing that everyone is "plugged in."

Following this discussion, which did not go into the details of the draft protocols, the chairman stated she would try to pull the different documents together and have a combined statement for comment at the time of the January 1977 meeting. The question of fees was discussed again at some length during the second meeting. Several speakers emphasized the idea

that where there is a charge for loans there should be some tie-in to performance. While precise standards cannot be established and fees have to be set by library directors, there should be guidelines as to performance, such as on turn-around time. David Weber, director of the Stanford University Libraries and representative of ARL, stated that although the committee could not take action on fees as such it should make an effort to eliminate the fee chaos. The imposition of fees was seen by a number of speakers as leading to many unfortunate consequences. Because of the importance of the fee question, it was agreed to establish a subcommittee to provide information to ARL following its survey on the subject which is due to be completed in October. The views of operational interlibrary loan personnel need to be taken into account and information should be provided on the matter of guidelines on performance where fees are imposed. [*Robert W. Schaaf*]

RTSD DISCUSSION GROUP ON CATALOGING NORMS

The organizational meeting of the Discussion Group on Cataloging Norms was held on July 19 under the temporary chairmanship of Hans H. Weber of the University of Houston. Cataloging norms were defined as production figures and qualitative requirements used in the evaluation of cataloging work. After some discussion, the group voted to limit its consideration to cataloging activities and to petition the Cataloging and Classification Section of RTSD for affiliation. Membership will be open primarily to technical service directors or heads of cataloging of medium or large research libraries.

Discussion during the meeting brought out the need to define the different kinds of cataloging, such as monographic, serial, descriptive, and subject, to be measured. The next meeting will include presentations by several cataloging heads on statistics and types of production analyses made in their institutions. The final item of business was the election of Elizabeth Ann Lange of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, as vice chairman and chairman-elect.

[*Lucia J. Rather*]

RTSD CCS POLICY AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Policy and Research Committee of RTSD Cataloging and Classification Section met on Monday, July 19. Maurice Lapierre chaired the meeting. After Joseph Howard, Library of Congress, reported on recent and pending developments in cataloging at the Library of Congress, the meeting turned to discussion of issues raised by Dale Cluff, University of Utah, and Maurice Freedman, New York Public Library.

Mr. Cluff's proposal concerned the present problems and possible improvements in bibliographic access to works issued in microform series. Three facets were discussed: (1) making the analytics more readily available to other libraries for completed or in-process series that have been adequately analyzed; (2) centralized or cooperative preparation of analytics for series not presently analyzed; and (3) encouraging microform producers to provide analytics for new series and new works in continuing series. As at least the third aspect had wider than Cataloging and Classification Section implications, the committee decided to recommend that CCS urge establishment of a more broadly based committee to deal with the matter.

Mr. Freedman's ideas were based on his article "Processing for the People," which appears in the January 1 issue of *Library Journal* on pp. 189-197. The committee agreed with Mr. Freedman that membership of RTSD committees should reflect all types of libraries, not just research libraries, and urged the chairman to remind the CCS board of this. The committee took no action on Mr. Freedman's recommendation that separate cataloging records be prepared nationally for public libraries. [*James Agenbroad*]

ACRL EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES SECTION

The Education and Behavioral Sciences Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, met at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20, to hear a panel discussion on Subject Access to Education Literature: LC, Dewey, Education Index, ERIC. Presiding was Wayne Gossage, Bank Street College of Education, New York, N.Y. Marylouise Hewitt, Education Index, H. W. Wilson Co., Bronx, N.Y., presented information on the publication of which she is editor, and Jim Houston, ERIC Processing and Reference Facility, Bethesda, Md., did likewise with his publication.

Benjamin A. Custer, chief, Decimal Classification Division, Library of Congress, presented the Dewey Decimal Classification, and Edward J. Blume, chief, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, presented both Library of Congress classification and Library of Congress subject headings. Leonard H. Freiser, Norman Dwight Harris Library, National College of Education, Evanston, Ill., summed up the presentations, and called attention to some of the problems in education bibliography. Following the formal part of the program there were numerous questions from the audience, nearly all of them

addressed to ERIC or the Education Index, and only a very few to the Library of Congress representatives on formal library classifications and subject headings.

[*Benjamin A. Custer*]

TECHNICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATORS OF SMALLER RESEARCH LIBRARIES DISCUSSION GROUP

The discussion group opened its July 20 meeting with a report by Lucia Rather, the assistant director (cataloging), Library of Congress Processing Department, on current and projected cataloging developments at the Library of Congress. Following Mrs. Rather's report, Esther S. Greenberg, head of Research Systems and Staff Development at Case Western Reserve University Library, described that institution's experience in adapting to OCLC membership and then responded to extensive questioning by members of the group.

An informal election resulted in the selection of Michael LaCroix of Wake Forest University Library as chairman of the group for the coming year.

[*Frank M. McGowan*]

LRRT RESEARCH FORUM

The fourth research forum of the Library Research Round Table took place Wednesday, July 21. Maurice Marchant, Nathan Smith, and Keith Stirling, Brigham Young University School of Library and Information Science, explained use of the statistical package for the social sciences (SPSS). Among the advantages cited for SPSS were its manual, its availability at many computer centers, its existence in a single version, and the great variety of statistical routines which could be invoked once user familiarity was achieved.

A handout based on a hypothetical sex discrimination survey with data on gender, supervisory level, years of experience, years of education and salary was used to demonstrate application of T-test, cross tabulation, Pearson correlation coefficient, multiple regression, and discriminant analysis techniques. It was emphasized that statistics and the SPSS could detect correlations between variables and make predictions based on such correlations but could not explain the cause of such correlations.

[*James Agenbroad*]

NPAC

Thursday morning, July 22, Frank M. McGowan, the assistant director (acquisitions and Overseas operations) of the Library of Congress Processing Department, reported on recent and anticipated developments in the National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging. Following the report, representatives of major American research libraries discussed problems of general concern such as the frequency with which depository sets of catalog cards are distributed. The meeting concluded with informal reports by Hugo Corstius of Martinus Nijhoff and Knut Dorn of Otto Harrassowitz on recent publishing developments in the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany, respectively. [*Frank B. McGowan*]

ISSN 0041-7904 *Key title:* Library of Congress information bulletin